RICKERS' MILL

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

of the

Town of Groton, Vermont

For the Year Ending January 31

1941

Ricker's saw mill pictured on the cover is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, saw mill in continuous operation in the state. This mill is on the site of the first mill built on the Wells River about 1780, and there has been a mill on this site ever since. A man by the name of Lund built the first saw mill. In 1857 A. H. Ricker purchased the mill and 100 acres of land. He continued to purchase timber land until his holdings amounted to more than 2000 acres.

The original mill was equipped with an "up-and-down" saw, this Mr. Ricker changed to a "circular" mill. After the death of A. H. Ricker his sons, Edmund D. and Harry M. carried on the business for a number of years, then Harry M. purchased his brother's interest and continued the business. Now the firm name is H. M. Ricker & Sons. Thus three generations have operated the mill, turning out from one-half million to a million feet annually.

At one time Groton had seven saw mills, but at the present time this is the only saw mill in town. This mill is an important factor in the industrial activities of Groton. It is worthy of note that during all the years of slackness in the lumber business and the late depressions the Rickers have kept their mill running and given employment to many of our citizens.

Groton is proud of the record this mill has made in the length of continuous service, and holds in high esteem the Rickers who by their good judgment and unwavering loyalty to home industries have so successfully conducted this business.

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

George H. Ricker

Clerk and Treasurer

George H. Millis

Selectmen

Gerald Morse	1941
C. J. Bailey	1942
W. W. Pillsbury	1943

School Directors

Earl Welch	1941
Addie Ricker	1942
Mary Beck	1943

Road Commissioner

Bert Bailey

Overseer

P. Stanley Taisey

Constable and Collector

George H. Ricker

Second Constable

Glenn Haskell

Listers

Earl Welch	1941
Carlos Dunn	Moved from town
H. P. Ricker	1943

Town Agent

George H. Millis

Library Trustees

Helene White	1941
Nellie Jeffery	1942
Ida M. Ricker	1943
Fannie M. B. Ricker	1945
Minnie Brown	1946

Grand Juror

W. G. Welch

Auditors

Philip T. White	1941
Glenn Haskell	1942
J. Clarence Welch	1943

Tax Rate $3.77

Report of Tax Collector

Year	Due Feb. 1, 1940	Collected	Discount	Uncollected
1928	$ 8 75			$ 8 75
1929	39 00			39 00
1930	180 55	65 88		114 67
1931	363 72	186 69		177 03
1932	631 46	289 20		342 26
1933	513 77	213 67		300 10
1934	728 26	259 00		469 26
1935	967 07	278 56		688 51
1936	1463 31	360 50		1102 81
1937	2297 37	710 11		1587 26
1938	4334 74	1954 70		2380 04
1939	7182 93			
	* 18 75	3543 75		3657 93
1940	20819 82			
	** 96 63	14277 69	184 44	6454 32
Total	$39646 13	$22139 75	$ 184 44	$17321 94

* and ** Taxes added to the tax bill

GEORGE H. RICKER, Collector.

Groton, Vermont,
January 24, 1941

To the Voters of the Town of Groton, Vermont:

I submit, at the request of the Old Age Assistance Department, their annual report to be included in the town report of expenditures in this town.

Payments of Old Age Assistance to persons applying from your town amounted to $4,060.00 during the year January 1, 1940 to December 31, 1940.

The number of recipients in December 1940 was 25.

The resources of this department and its ability to make payments are determined by the State appropriation which is matched by Federal funds.

The administrative expense of the department during the year was 4%. The advice an council of local officials and interested people are gratefully acknowledged by this department and its staff.

We now have 7 applicants waiting, but due to lack of funds haven't received any aid as yet.

Respectfully submitted,

VIRGINIA FROST,
Local Investigator

Report of Treasurer

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1940	$ 1381 57
Geo. H. Ricker, Collector, tax money	22139 75
Town Clerk, dog license money	146 00
Montpelier National Bank, borrowed money	3000 00
Nelson W. Whitehill, borrowed money	500 00
Selectmen, cemetery fund	92 10
Selectmen, dance hall license money	20 00
School Board, cash for part payment of District Nurse salary	25 00
G. E. Smith, thawing sewer	6 25
W. R. Carbee, thawing sewer	2 50
Hosmer Brothers, thawing sewer	7 50
	$27320 67

Refund from Clarence Williams, for amount paid by the Town for nurses at the hospital	$222 50	
Refund from Alfred Helie Estate	205 69	
Refund from Fred Sayers	5 00	
Refund from Dr. Brady, Harvey Dean account	6 00	
		439 19

ROADS

State of Vermont, on winter roads	$ 497 40	
State of Vermont, on winter roads	213 50	
State of Vermont, surface treatment	1276 70	
State of Vermont, income tax and State aid	927 61	
State of Vermont, town highways	2000 00	
State of Vermont, selected roads	42 70	
State of Vermont, for labor	6 30	
Town of Ryegate, for gravel	27 00	
Road Commissioner, cash	50	
Road Commissioner, for use of truck	158 28	
Groton Village, for sanding sidewalks	12 62	
		5162 61

SCHOOLS

State of Vermont, vocational education	$1207 24	
State of Vermont, State school money	3059 51	
Town of Ryegate, tuition	1518 75	
Town of Topsham, tuition	150 00	
Town of Newbury, tuition	49 99	
Meroa Cassidy, lease land	18 00	
Ralph E. Evans, lease land	1 03	
		6004 52
Total Receipts		$38926 99

CASH PAID OUT

Paid Outstanding School order No. 280	$ 5 00
Paid N. W. Whitehill, interest order No. 101 of 1939	1200 00
Paid School Directors' orders	13655 32
Paid Selectmen's orders	13444 08
Paid Road Commissioner's orders	1574 27
Paid State Road orders	2945 97
Paid Unselected highway orders	2000 31
Paid Winter road work orders	616 92
Paid Overseer's orders	2244 04
Paid N. W. Whitehill, interest order No. 79 of 1940	500 00
Total paid	$38185 91

Total Receipts	$38926 99
Total Payments	38185 91
Cash in the hands of Treasurer	$ 741 08

G. H. MILLIS, Treasurer.

Financial Standing

LIABILITIES

Interest Bearing Orders

Montpelier National Bank, bonds		$22500 00
Order No.		
3	Feb. 1, 1918, I. H. Goodwin	1000 00
53	July 1, 1921, Jessie Whitehill	1000 00
3	Feb. 1, 1922, Sophronia Crown Estate	500 00
103	Jan. 4, 1923, Sophronia Crown Estate	1000 00
563	Jan. 30. 1928, E. E. Darling	2000 00
157	Jan. 30, 1929, E. E. Darling	2200 00
348	April 28, 1932, Trustees Methodist Church	1000 00
373	July 8, 1932, Rose Darling Estate	1000 00
538	April 10, 1932, Mrs. C. F. Robinson	300 00
1	Feb. 6, 1935, Carl Vance	700 00
36	April 13, 1935, Carl Vance	900 00
37	April 15, 1935, Rose Darling Estate	500 00
103	Jan. 1, 1938, Grant Vance	1600 00
		$36200 00

Outstanding Orders

433 of 1932, Ed. Butson, care of Cemetery Lot	3 50	
643 of 1933, H. T. Morrison, hall rent	5 00	
183 of 1936, Larrow Estate, gravel	21 70	
298 of 1937, Larrow Estate, gravel	18 20	
		48 40
Amount due School account July 1, 1941		4032 31
		$40280 71

ASSETS

Due on tax bill, see Collector's report	$17321 94
Real Estate bought at tax sale	1363 80
Fifty shares of Class B Stock	1000 00

Material in the hands of Selectmen	256 60
Due Schools, tuition, see School Report	305 34
Due Schools, rent on Lease Land	22 97
Due from State, winter roads	487 00
Cash in hands of the Treasurer	741 08
	$21498 73

Total Liabilities	$40280 71
Total Assets	21498 73
Town debt	$18781 98

Dog Account

63 male dogs licensed at $2.00 each		$126 00
5 female dogs licensed at $6.00 each		30 00
		156 00
Less Town Clerk's commission, 15 cents each		10 00
		$146 00
Paid Town Treasurer	$146 00	

G. H. MILLIS, Town Clerk

Report of Selectmen

For the Year Ending January 31, 1941

Order No.		
1	George H. Ricker, collections on 1939 tax	$ 254 02
2	W. W. Pillsbury, services as auditor	20 00
3	Clarence Welch, services as auditor	20 00
4	P. T. White, services as auditor	20 00
5	C. J. Bailey, services as selectman	65 00
6	Gerald Morse, services as selectman	65 00
7	John French, services as selectman and clerk	115 00
8	Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Smith, rent Nov. 21 to Feb. 21	12 00
9	Mrs. C. J. Bailey, 50 ft. rubber hose	4 00
10	Virginia Frost, services as Old Age investigator	15 00
11	Spoiled	
12	Dr. C. E. Brady, 10 quarantines and Irving Emery death	15 00
13	Vermont Road Equipment, bill on parts of Feb. 16	16 75
14	Socony Vacuum Oil Co., oil to date	21 68
15	C. C. Lord, 550 town reports	93 60
16	C. J. Bailey, 1500 pounds coal Town Clerk's office	9 00
17	Motor Vehicle Dept., registration 2 tractors and truck	30 00
18	Geo. Dimick, 12 hrs. on truck at .33	3 96
19	Wendell Crown, 34 hrs. at .37½, 4 hrs. at .30	13 95
20	Franklin Emery, 84 hrs. at .37½, 7 hrs. at .30	33 60
21	Bert Bailey, 137 hrs. at .50, 10 hrs. at .42½	72 75
22	P. T. White, postage on reports	8 54
23	Robert Pillsbury, services as ballot clerk	3 00
24	Clarence Welch, services as ballot clerk	3 00
25	B. L. Brown, services as ballot clerk	3 00
26	L. G. Welch, services as ballot clerk	3 00
27	Gerald Smith, services as ballot clerk	3 00
28	Raymond Ricker, services as ballot clerk	3 00
29	Gerald Morse, services as ballot clerk	3 00
30	Geo. Ricker, services as ballot moderator	3 00
31	Bessie Morrison, hall rent	5 00
32	Roger Eastman, labor on Pine Street	35 10

33	Montpelier National Bank, interest on note	43 75
34	Geo. Dimick, 124 hrs. at .33	40 92
35	Wendell Crown, 104 hrs. at .30	31 20
36	Franklin Emery, 115 hrs. at .30	34 50
37	Rupert Ricker, 50 hrs. at .30	15 00
38	Ned Lindsey, 58 hrs. at .30	17 40
39	Guy Darling, 24 hrs. at .30	7 20
40	Vermont Road Equipment, repairs on snow plow	128 81
41	Square Front Garage, 2 mo. storage on Emery car	8 00
42	Standard Oil Co., 442 Deisel oil at .08½	37 57
43	Lincoln Iron Works, culvert thawer	168 00
44	Spoiled	
45	Mrs. C. J. Bailey, garage rent Jan., Feb., and Mar.	51 00
46	Montpelier National Bank, balance on interest	88
47	Elwin Hood, 11 hrs. shoveling snow	3 30
48	Chas. C. Lord, selectman's record book	15 73
49	Bert Bailey, 115 hrs. at .42½, 68 hrs. at .50	82 87
50	Wendell Crown, 60 hrs. at .37½	22 50
51	C. J. Bailey, 6 telephone calls and freight as per bill	2 00
52	A. M. Flanders, welding tractor	3 50
53	Vermont Institutional Industries, tax books	2 60
54	Achilles Garage, labor on truck	4 95
55	Bert Bailey, labor as per bill	17 85
56	Wendell Crown, 40 hrs. labor as per bill	12 00
57	Geo. Dimick, 38 hrs. labor as per bill	15 18
58	Franklin Emery, 38 hrs. labor as per bill	11 40
59	Ned Lindsey, 32 hrs. labor as per bill	9 60
60	Fred Hayes, 17 hrs. labor as per bill	5 10
61	Nelson Hayes, 15 hrs. labor as per bill	4 50
62	Heman Welch, 6 hrs. labor on snow	1 80
63	Clarence Welch, 7 hrs. labor on snow	2 10
64	Carlos Dunn, 18 days listing, 124 mi. at .05	60 20
65	Gerald Smith, rent from Feb. 21 to May 21, office	12 00
66	Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance, insurance on truck	12 15
67	Milton Julian, county tax	76 30
68	Bert Bailey, taking down snow fence	7 60
69	Franklin Emery, 16 hrs. snow fence	5 60
70	Geo. Dimick, 16 hrs. taking down snow fence	6 08

71	Wendell Crown, 16 hrs. taking down snow fence	5	60
72	Ned Lindsey, 16 hrs. taking down snow fence	5	60
73	Earl Welch, 21 days listing, 290 mi.	81	53
74	Raymond Ricker, 45 hrs. fighting forest fire 9 men	13	50
75	Geo. Millis, making 1940 tax book	25	00
76	Tuttle Stationary Co., 80 pages General Index	4	15
77	Dwight Somers, 42 hrs. shoveling snow at .30	12	60
78	John K. White Estate, gas and supplies as per bill	90	24
79	N. W. Whitehill, borrowed money at 3½%	500	00
80	Mrs. C. J. Bailey, garage rent April, May, and June	30	00
81	H. P. Ricker, listing and mileage	58	35
82	Geo. Ricker, postage 1940 tax bills	10	00
83	Freeland Achilles, damage to chicks by dogs, 60 at .30	18	00
84	N. W. Whitehill, interest on order number 101 of July 10, 1939, Feb. 1 to July 1, 1940	18	08
85	Vermont Road Equipment, tractor repair as per bill	250	85
86	Montpelier National Bank, interest on bonds, Feb. 1 to Aug. 1, 1940	420	00
87	M. D. Randall, mowing cemetery	6	00
88	Geo. H. Millis, one half year's salary for 1940	75	00
89	Gerald Smith, rent on office, May 21 to Aug. 21	15	00
90	Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Heath, right of way to Dennis farm	100	00
91	Bert Bailey, freight on tractor parts	6	61
92	Wendell Crown, 12 hrs. on Dennis bridge	4	56
93	Geo. Dimick, 12 hrs. on Dennis bridge	4	56
94	Bert Bailey, 3 hrs. on Dennis bridge as per bill	1	43
95	C. E. Ricker, insurance as per bill Sept. 1939 to Sept. 1940	10	80
96	Chas. C. Lord, printing order books, check list, tax notices	43	25
97	Bert Bailey, 18 hrs. on Dennis bridge	8	55
98	Wendell Crown, 18 hrs. on Dennis bridge	6	84
99	Geo. Dimick, 18 hrs. on Dennis bridge	6	84
100	Clyde Morrison, 18 hrs. on Dennis bridge	6	30
101	William Emery, 18 hrs. on Dennis bridge	6	30
102	Gilman Somers, 18 hrs. on Dennis bridge	6	30
103	Norman Rock, 18 hrs. on Dennis bridge	6	30
104	W. F. Darling, 2332 ft. plank	58	30
105	Waldo Heath, man and team 3 hrs. on Dennis bridge	2	25
106	David Hall, 3 stringers for Dennis bridge	15	00
107	Waldo Heath, 107 cedar posts at .12, 37 hrs. labor at .35	25	79

108	Reynolds and Sons, 6 push brooms	7 31
109	McLure's Student Band, 8 concerts	125 00
110	Mrs. C. J. Bailey, garage rent, July, Aug. and Sept.	30 00
111	C. J. Bailey, 6000 pounds coal for garage	37 20
112	C. J. Bailey, 6700 pounds coal Town Clerk's office	41 54
113	National Bank of Newbury, check book	1 67
114	Vermont Dept. Public Health, school nurse	50 00
115	Vermont Road Equipment, bearing for tractor	23 15
116	Montpelier National Bank, note paid	3000 00
117	Robert Pillsbury, ballot clerk Sept. and Nov. elections	6 00
118	Raymond Ricker, ballot clerk Sept. and Nov. elections	6 00
119	L. G. Welch, ballot clerk Sept. and Nov. elections	6 00
120	W. G. Welch, ballot clerk Sept. and Nov. elections	6 00
121	Geo. Ricker, ballot clerk Sept. and Nov. elections	6 00
122	Geo. Millis, ballot clerk Sept. and Nov. elections	6 00
123	Fred White, ballot clerk Nov. election	3 00
124	Capitol City Press, binding vital statistics 1 volume	3 50
125	Linwood Welch, ballot clerk Sept. and Nov. elections	6 00
126	Gerald Smith, 2 days labor absentee ballots, 40 mi. at .05	8 00
127	Mrs. Jeffrey, 2 days absentee ballots	6 00
128	Farm Bureau Insurance Co., insurance on truck	12 15
129	Thos. H. Cave, Old Age Assistance	938 25
130	Thos. H. Cave, State Highway 302	902 88
131	C. O. Ball, Farm Bureau tax	80 79
132	Chas. C. Lord, ballots for Primary and General Elections	42 00
133	Gerald Smith, rent Town Clerk's office Aug. 21 to Nov. 21	15 00
134	Fred White, mowing cemetery and setting headstones	62 40
135	White River Paper Co., town seal	3 50
136	International Salt Co., salt for sand	29 10
137	C. E. Ricker, insurance on library books	3 30
138	Legare's Garage, L socket wrench	90
139	Geo. N. Clark, setting up booths for 3 elections	10 00
140	Vermont Road Equipment, repairs on tractor	36 48
141	Groton Public Library	25 00
142	Lowell McLeod, 17 pounds steel, 1 hr. labor	2 45
143	Bert Bailey, 46 hrs. labor at .55	25 30
144	Ned Lindsey, 44 hrs. labor	18 70
145	Geo. Dimick, 28 hrs. labor at .38	10 64
146	Carl Vance, 60 sacks at .03	1 80

147	Reynolds and Son, 1 bale waste	3 51
148	Vermont Road Equipment, building up T-40 pads, 78 at .60	46 80
149	Socony Vacuum Oil Co., diesel oil	19 66
150	Vt. Hardware Co., 1000 ft. snow fence, 100 6½ ft. posts	120 05
151	Gerald Morse, trip to Montpelier, telephone and postage	8 00
152	H. P. Ricker, services and mileage as lister	3 00
153	Geo. Ricker, property tax liens, 12 at .50	6 00
154	C. E. Ricker, new insurance policies	10 10
155	Mrs. C. J. Bailey, garage rent Oct., Nov. and Dec.	44 00
156	Mrs. C. J. Bailey, storage in sheds	25 00
157	Mrs. J. B. Renfrew, services as librarian and lights	112 00
158	F. D. White, permanent fund	92 10
159	Geo. H. Millis, recording 12 tax liens	6 00
160	Geo. H. Millis, lights, postage and telephone	14 00
161	Geo. H. Millis, vital statistics	12 00
162	Geo. H. Millis, balance of salary as clerk and treasurer	75 00
163	Addie Ricker, school census	10 74
164	Montpelier National Bank, two bonds, $1000 and $500	1500 00
165	Montpelier National Bank, interest on bonds, Aug. 1940 Feb. 1941	420 00
166	I. H. Goodwin, interest on order No. 3 to Feb. 1, 1941	35 00
167	Jessie Whitehill, interest on order No. 53 to Feb. 1, 1941	35 00
168	Sophronia Crown, interest on order No. 3 and 103 to Feb, 1, 1941	52 50
169	E. E. Darling, interest on order No. 563 and 157 to Feb. 1, 1941	147 00
170	Trustees M. E. Church, interest on order No. 348 to Feb. 1, 1941	35 00
171	Rose N. Darling Estate, interest on order No. 373 and 37 to Feb. 1, 1941	52 50
172	Emma Robinson, interest on order No. 548 to Feb. 1, 1941	10 50
173	Carl Vance, interest on order No. 1 and 36 to Feb. 1, 1941	56 00
174	Grant Vance, interest on order No. 103 to Feb. 1, 1941	56 00
175	N. W. Whitehill, interest on order No. 79, from July 5, 1940 to Feb. 1, 1941	10 15
176	J. K. White Estate, gas as per bills	50 09
177	Geo. Ricker, Collector, tax receipts	1363 80
		$13944 08

Classification of Selectmen's Orders

Interest	$ 1392 36
Elections	93 00
Cost of Winter roads	1516 07
Salaries	486 00
Lights, Postage, Printing, Telephone	250 89
Insurance	48 50
Registration	30 00
Listers' salaries and mileage	203 08
Rents	247 00
Bridges	159 32
Cemetery expense	160 50
Gas and material	140 33
Repairs on truck	9 36
Health officer and Dept. of Public Health	65 00
Library expense	137 00
Vital statistics	15 50
Fuel	87 74
Dog damage, School census, land damage	128 74
Balance commission on tax collections	254 02
Band	125 00
Notes and interest bearing orders	500 00
Bonds and notes paid	4500 00
Old Age Assistance	953 25
Making tax books and paying for land bought at tax sale	1367 95
County and Farm Bureau tax	157 09
Forest fires	13 50
Highway assessment 302	902 88
	$13944 08

The following improved road work was done this year under the supervision of the Selectmen and Road Commissioner with the approval of the District Commissioner:

On State Highway No. 1, leading from Groton Village to Peacham, .6 of a mile, from Ryegate line south. This consisted of a shaping course of gravel where needed and the applying of a double tack coat of tar. All of State Highway No. 1, leading from Groton Village to Peacham and from Groton Village to the top of Crown Hill was retreated making a total of 4 miles retreated.

The Unselected Highway money for town roads was expended as follows:

On the H. P. Ricker road a double tack coat of tar on .6 of a mile, and retreating .9 of a mile with tar. On Railroad Street .3 of a mile retreated with tar. Gravel surface on the old Peacham road and cleaning ditches and culverts in the Fall on all roads. From the above fund $487.00 was set aside for the care of Winter roads.

We are submitting below a budget estimate which is based on actual expenses that must be paid. We ask the taxpayers to give this careful consideration that the town may continue to reduce its interest bearing debt.

Overseer	$ .45
Summer Roads	.30
Winter Roads	.20
Retire Bonds	.30
Interest	.30
Route No. 302	.20
General Expenses	.45
Town Officers	.20
Total Town Tax	$2.40

GERALD MORSE,
C. J. BAILEY,
W. W. PILLSBURY, } Selectmen

Report of Road Commissioner

SUMMARY

Expended on Town Highways

Wendell Crown, 471 hrs. labor	$ 179 06	
Bert Bailey, 684 hrs. labor	321 63	
Ned Lindsey, 585 hrs. labor	204 70	
Franklin Emery, 248 hrs. labor	86 80	
George Dimick, 534 hrs. labor	240 92	
William Emery, 415 hrs. labor	145 25	
Gilman Somers, 327 hrs. labor	114 45	
Clyde Morrison, 200 hrs. labor	70 00	
Harold Beck, 53 hrs. labor	18 55	
Norman Rock, 16 hrs. labor	5 60	
Bert Bailey, 75 hrs. labor, truck	52 50	
Total for Labor		$1439 46
A. M. Flanders, welding	10 25	
Norman Achilles, labor and repairs on truck	14 75	
Perry Auto Co., repairs on truck	70	
C. P. Mason, repairing tools	1 20	
J. K. White Estate, gas	78 76	
Auto Radiator Shop, repair on radiator	7 50	
George Carpenter, gas	1 75	
Total garage bills and gas		$ 114 91
Waldo Heath, 65 yds. gravel	6 50	
Raymond Page, 126 yds. gravel	12 60	
Carrie Morrison, plank	80	
Total for materials		$ 19 90
Paid out for town highways		$1574 27
Appropriation		49 50
Credit from State for maintenance and material sold		$1524 77

SUMMARY

Expended on Selected Highway No. 1

Bert Bailey, 263 hrs. labor	$124 89
Wendell Crown, 240 hrs. labor	91 24
George Dimick, 255 hrs. labor	96 90
Clyde Morrison, 234 hrs. labor	81 90
William Emery, 228 hrs. labor	79 80
Gilman Somers, 235 hrs. labor	82 25
Ned Lindsey, 259 hrs. labor	90 65
Harold Beck, 36 hrs. labor	12 60
William Welch, 28 hrs. labor	9 80
Bart Eastman, 28 hrs. labor	9 80
Norman Rock, 32 hrs. labor	11 20
W. H. Eastman, 31 hrs, labor	13 95
Charles Fisk, 24 hrs. labor	10 80
H. C. Hackett, 32 hrs. labor	24 00
Fay Davis, 29 hrs. labor	9 67
Arthur Mason, 31 hrs. labor	10 33
Francis Billingham, 31 hrs. labor	10 33
Ernest Covey, 33½ hrs. labor	11 15
Fred Zimmerman, 16 hrs. labor	5 33
Roy Burrough, 31 hrs. labor	13 95
Fred Eaton, 3 hrs. labor	1 00
H. O. Titus, 32 hrs. labor	10 67
Warren Craft, 3 hrs. labor	1 00
Ken Stockman, 33 hrs. labor	11 26
Chas. Smith, 44½ hrs. labor	25 50
Alfred Hackett, 4 hrs. labor	2 50
Malcolm Wright, 6½ hrs. labor	2 17
Richard Miller, 3 hrs. labor	1 00
Bert Bailey, 255 hrs. labor, truck	178 60
Town Truck, 223 hrs. labor, truck	156 12
Fred Eaton, 31 hrs. labor, truck	41 85
State of Vermont, 28 hrs. labor, roller	33 60
State of Vermont, 4 hrs. labor, grader	5 00
State of Vermont, 29½ hrs. labor, truck	39 80

Charles Fisk, 31 hrs. labor, truck	41 85	
W. H. Eastman, 31 hrs. labor, truck	41 85	
Total for labor, trucks, etc.		$1394 31
Elmer Frost, 135 loads gravel	33 75	
Waldo Heath, 150 loads gravel	37 50	
Waldo Heath, 126 yds. gravel	12 60	
Barrett Co., 14678 gals. tar	1467 81	
Total for materials		$1551 66
Total cost		$2945 97
Appropriation, State and Town	2804 31	
Cold pack on hand	140 00	
		$2944 31
		$ 1 66

SUMMARY

Expended on Unselected Highways

Bert Bailey, 393 hrs. labor	184 98
Norman Rock, 148 hrs. labor	51 80
Wendell Crown, 206 hrs. labor	78 54
George Dimick, 353 hrs. labor	134 14
Clyde Morrison, 288 hrs. labor	100 88
William Emery, 335 hrs. labor	117 29
Gilman Somers, 244 hrs. labor	86 10
Ned Lindsey, 290 hrs. labor	101 65
Ernest Taisey, 24 hrs. labor	8 40
Harold Beck, 18 hrs. labor	6 30
Ernest Parker, 8 hrs. labor	2 80
Bart Eastman, 7 hrs. labor	2 45
Willie Welch, 7 hrs. labor	2 45
Charles Fisk, 10 hrs. labor	4 50
W. H. Eastman, 14½ hrs. labor	6 53
Fred Eaton, 30 hrs. labor	10 45
Ken Stockman, 9½ hrs. labor	4 32

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George Dimick, 353 hrs. labor	134 14
Clyde Morrison, 288 hrs. labor	100 88
William Emery, 335 hrs. labor	117 29
Gilman Somers, 244 hrs. labor	86 10
Ned Lindsey, 290 hrs. labor	101 65
Ernest Taisey, 24 hrs. labor	8 40
Harold Beck, 18 hrs. labor	6 30
Ernest Parker, 8 hrs. labor	2 80
Bart Eastman, 7 hrs. labor	2 45
Willie Welch, 7 hrs. labor	2 45
Charles Fisk, 10 hrs. labor	4 50
W. H. Eastman, 14½ hrs. labor	6 53
Fred Eaton, 30 hrs. labor	10 45
Ken Stockman, 9½ hrs. labor	4 32

MARSHFIELD
PEACHAM
Kettle Pond
Stillwater Bk
MONTPELIER AND WELLS RIVER R.R.
HARDWOOD RIDGE
FOREST
SILVER LEDGE
2000
Lake Groton
MILLER MTN.
LAKESIDE
Ricker Pond
Pigeon Pond
PIGEON HILL
RICKER MILLS
Wells
PLAINFIELD
RYEGATE
GROTON
WEST GROTON
GROTON
POP. 432
River
KNOX MTN
ORANGE
TOPSHAM

Roy Burroughs, 10 hrs. labor	4 50	
Charles Smith, 13½ hrs. labor	9 00	
H. C. Hackett, 16 hrs. labor	12 00	
H. O. Titus, 16 hrs. labor	5 33	
Arthur Mason, 15 hrs. labor	5 00	
Francis Billingham, 15 hrs. labor	5 00	
Ernest Covey, 15 hrs. labor	5 00	
Fred Zimmerman, 11½ hrs. labor	3 82	
Fay Davis, 15 hrs. labor	5 00	
Warren Craft, 3 hrs. labor	1 00	
Richard Miller, 3 hrs. labor	1 00	
Alfred Hackett, 9 hrs. labor	5 00	
Malcolm Wright, 4 hrs. labor	1 33	
Charles Fisk, 10 hrs. labor, truck	13 50	
State of Vermont, 5 hrs. labor, grader	6 25	
W. H. Eastman, 14½ hrs. labor, truck	19 58	
Fred Eaton, 3 hrs. labor, truck	4 05	
State of Vermont, 13½ hrs. labor, roller	16 20	
State of Vermont, 5½ hrs. labor, truck	7 65	
Bert Bailey, 188 hrs. labor, truck	131 55	
Town Truck, 229 hrs. labor, truck	160 45	
Ernest Taisey, 24 hrs. labor, truck	16 80	
Total for labor, trucks, etc.		$1342 59

Waldo Heath, 465 yds. gravel	46 50	
Elmer Frost, 237½ yds. gravel	23 75	
Barrett Co., 5874 gals. tar	587 47	
Total for materials		$ 657 72
Total cost		$2000 31
Received for material sold		27 00
		$1973 31

Appropriation from State	$2000 00
Balance	26 69

SUMMARY

Expended on Winter Highways

Franklin Emery, 88 hrs. labor	$ 33 97	
Wendell Crown, 125 hrs. labor	45 41	
Bert Bailey, 444 hrs. labor	239 41	
George Dimick, 237 hrs. labor	86 31	
William Emery, 87 hrs. labor	30 56	
Ned Lindsey, 269 hrs. labor	105 96	
Clyde Morrison, 152 hrs. labor	58 50	
Bert Bailey, 24 hrs. labor, truck	16 80	
Total for labor		$616 92
Credit from Village		12 62
		$604 30

BERT BAILEY,
Road Commissioner.

Report of School Directors

EXPENDITURES

Town Year

February 1, 1940 to January 31, 1941

Teachers' salaries	$ 8692 50
Supervision	665 22
School directors	97 50
Janitors	501 50
Text books	249 59
Supplies	514 62
Furniture	24 19
Repairs	725 21
Fuel and lights	665 79
Transportation	1076 90
Insurance	147 46
Miscellaneous	144 84
Rent	150 00
Total	$13655 32

RECEIPTS

Balance, Feb. 1, 1940	$ 4601 17
State Aid	3059 51
Federal Aid	1207 24
Town Tax	7081 94
Tuition, Ryegate	1518 75
Tuition, Topsham	150 00
Tuition, Newbury	49 99
Lease land	19 03
Total	$17687 63
Orders drawn	13655 32
Amount due account Feb. 1, 1941	$ 4032 31

Tuition Due February 1, 1941

A. Langevin Connor	$183 34
Topsham	86 00
Wallace Grey	36 00
	$305 34
Due on Lease Land	22 97
	$328 31

EXPENDITURES

State School Year

July 1, 1939 to June 30, 1940

Teachers' salaries	$ 8720 00
Supervision	665 22
School Directors	81 50
Janitors	492 50
Text books	315 46
Supplies	606 13
Furniture	19 63
Repairs	127 04
Fuel and lights	488 59
Transportation	1087 00
Elementary tuition	15 00
Insurance	156 80
Miscellaneous	157 71
Rent	150 00
	$13082 58

RECEIPTS

Balance, July 1, 1939	$ 366 96
State Aid	3432 37
Town Tax	6817 26
Tuition, Ryegate	1475 00
Tuition, Topsham	254 00

Tuition, Newbury	41 66
Lease Land	34 30
Federal Aid	828 49
Total	$13250 04
Orders drawn	13082 58
Balance, June 30, 1940	$ 167 46

TEACHERS' SALARIES

State Year

July 1, 1940 to June 30, 1941

Village School

R. Douglas Dopp	$1500 00
Kenneth Garvin	1100 00
Lillian Garvin	1050 00
Doris Steele ($700 Federal Aid)	1325 00
Howard Russell ($450 Federal Aid)	900 00
Nora Tillotson	770 00
Thelma Donald	725 00
Elmer Page	700 00
	$8070 00

Westville School

Barbara Thompson	$595 00
Total teachers' salaries	$8665 00

SUPERVISION

J. Stewart Garvin	$665 22

JANITORS

Village School, C. H. Hendry	$440 00
Westville School, Orlo Goodwin	35 00
Westville School	17 50
	$492 50

TRANSPORTATION

George Kretzman	$ 385 00
Fred Sayers	105 00
Burton Bailey (estimate)	105 00
Justin Ashford	404 40
Ray Palmer	15 50
	$1014 90

Estimate Budget for 1941—1942

State School Year

Teachers' salaries	$ 8745 00
Supervision	665 00
Directors	85 00
Janitors	495 00
Text books	300 00
Supplies	300 00
Furniture	50 00
Repairs	300 00
Fuel and lights	700 00
Transportation	1000 00
Insurance	150 00
Miscellaneous	175 00
Rent	150 00
Total	$13115 00

Estimate, Receipts

State Aid	$ 3050 00
Town Tax	7081 94
Lease Land	25 00
Federal Aid	1200 00
Tuition	1700 00
	$13056 94

Cost of Schools for Six Years. Year Ending Feb. 1

Year Ending	Balance Bro't Fo'd	Tax Voted For Year	Receipts OtherSourc's	Total Available Funds	Expenses For Year
1936	$5153 42	$7116 19	$6711 26	$18980 87	$12943 75
1937	6037 12	7173 63	5716 86	18927 61	12652 03
1938	6275 58	6752 89	5521 75	18550 22	14106 49
1939	4443 73	6994 26	5246 89	16684 88	12296 85
1940	4388 03	6817 26	5923 54	17128 83	12527 66
1941	4601 17	7081 94	6004 52	17687 63	13655 32

We recommend that a School tax of $1.35 on the Grand List be raised.

EARL WELCH,
ADDIE RICKER, } School Directors
MARY BECK,

Report of Superintendent

Members of the School Board of Groton:

I submit, herewith, my annual report of the conditions existing in the schools of the Town of Groton.

The Caledonia-Orange district is made up of four towns and one incorporated district as follows: Newbury, Ryegate, Groton, Orange and Wells River Incorporated District.

There are 46 teachers in the district this year. These are divided as follows: Newbury 15½, Ryegate 10, Groton 8½, Orange 6 and Wells River 6. The total number of pupils enrolled in the district during the Fall term was 824, a decrease of 62 compared with the enrollment at the corresponding time last year.

Two changes have been made in the teaching staff. Mr. Douglass Dopp has replaced Mr. Charles Boright as principal of the high school and Miss Barbara Thompson took the place of Miss Grace Chamberlin at the Westville School.

A total of 192 pupils were enrolled for the Fall term, just two less than for the corresponding time last year. The following table gives the enrollment by schools and by grades. The per cent of attendance is also given.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total	%Attend.
High									18	16	13	16	63	92.9
Grammar						17	11	14					42	95.8
Intermediate			16	16	10								42	97.9
Primary	17	15											32	97.8
Westville	3	1	2	5	1		1						13	78.2
Totals	20	16	18	21	11	17	12	14	18	16	13	16	192	92.5

There were 26 high school tuition pupils enrolled for the Fall term. These were divided as follows: Ryegate 23, Topsham 2, Newbury 1. Three elementary tuition pupils from Topsham have attended school in Groton during the Fall term.

The low per cent of attendance at the Westville School was due to transportation difficulties.

The State aid for this year is $3059.51 compared with $3432.37 last year. The decrease is due to the loss of state aid on the South School which has been closed.

In addition to the regular state aid there is $450 a year received on account of Agriculture and Shop Work and $625 a year on account of Home Economics.

We have been able to secure Mrs. Helen Armstrong for part time health service in the schools, this year. In order to continue this service an appropriation will have to be made by the town this year. As many other towns are waiting to secure this service it is hoped that the town will vote this appropriation.

The P. T. A. has appropriated some money to be used for health work, such as for vaccinations and a physical examination by a doctor. The P. T. A. has also provided a motion picture for the school. This will make it possible for the school to secure a film, every week, from the Fleming Museum, to be shown to the pupils on the projector owned by the school.

An electric clock for the commercial room was presented by last year's graduating class. This is much appreciated.

A scholarship cup has been provided by the Alumni Association. The class with the highest scholastic average for the year is to have its numerals put on the cup. This interest on the part of the Alumni is much appreciated.

The outside of the village building has been painted. One more classroom and the hall-way downstairs have been painted and repaired. The Grammar Room is in the worst condition at present.

One more teacher is needed to help with the work of the first eight grades. This is due to the unusually large enrollment in the school. Mrs. Donald has been relieved by keeping the third grade in the Intermediate Room all the time. Both the Intermediate and Grammar Rooms are overcrowded. Prin. Dopp has helped a great deal by having the elementary pupils come into the high school study hall. High school teachers are also taking these pupils for Home Economics and Science classes.

Home Economics is being continued under Federal aid with half the salary paid from Federal funds. The girls are doing very good work. A hot lunch has been provided under the supervision of Mrs. Steele with

the help of two W. P. A. workers. Over 100 children have been served at some meals.

The Agriculture and Shop Work Course is being continued this year in the same building. An opportunity has arisen to have a new building provided on the school grounds at comparatively small expense to the town. Under the N. Y. A. the state will pay all the expense for labor and one-half the cost of materials. Out of school young people in the community will be used, under the supervision of a local carpenter or contractor. This would give employment to people in the community and would be more satisfactory than the present arrangement as far as the school work is concerned. It would also be possible, with this building, to find room for another elementary teacher.

It is hoped that this proposition will be seriously considered. Some other communities have accepted and are already starting work.

The following is a summary of some of the things that should be considered:

1. Systematic improvement of the village building continued.

2. An appropriation voted to continue the services of a Public Health Nurse.

3. Advantage taken of the opportunity to secure a new Agriculture and Shop Work building at comparatively small expense to the town.

4. Another elementary teacher provided after another room has been secured.

5. Teachers' salaries maintained at a level high enough to retain and secure good teachers.

In conclusion I wish to thank parents, teachers, and directors for their cooperation with me and for the support that they have given the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. STEWART GARVIN,
Superintendent of Schools.

Report of Library Trustees

Cash on hand January 31, 1940	$20 97
Annual appropriation from Town for 1940	25 00
Gift from Mrs. Noyes	25 00
	$70 97

CASH PAID OUT

Books and Magazines purchased	$61 90	
Material for decorating car	1 44	
Balance on hand January 31, 1941	7 63	
		$70 97

FANNIE M. B. RICKER,
Treasurer of Library Trustees

Report of Librarian

January 1, 1940—January 1, 1941

Amount on hand January 1, 1940		$ 6 42
Received for fines		10 52
		$16 94
Paid out subscriptions for Magazines	$ 3 00	
Paid out for Library Cards	1 70	
		4 70
Cash on hand January 1, 1941		$12 24

No. of patrons	2833
No. of books loaned	5012
No. of magazines loaned	349

The Trustees have purchased quite a few books, and have also received a gift of 35 books from Rev. James Ladd.

MRS. J. B. RENFREW, Librarian

Report of Overseer

	Food	Fuel	Dept. of Public Welfare	Medical and Hosp.	Trans. and Trucking	Postage and Tel.	Board and Labor	Rebates	Total
Blanchard, Lyman	$	$	$	$ 15 00	$	$	$	$	$ 15 00
Brown, Mary					8 40		6 00		14 40
Buskey, Ruth				3 00		1 05			4 05
Crown, Len							21 00		21 00
Daniels, Hiram				6 00					6 00
Daniels, Sophronia			40 00						40 00
Daniels, Willie				27 00					27 00
Dean, Harvey,				6 00				6 00	6 00
Dean, Albertine			38 30						38 30
Dionne Children			89 88						89 88
Drown, Mary				63 00					63 00
Dupont, Austin				22 00					22 00
Emery, Grant	155 23	53 00		12 00	2 50				222 73
Evans, John	49 98			50 80	16 80				117 58
Evans, Milton				62 50	8 40				70 90
Fitzgerald, Elner				224 10	3 00				227 10
Goodwin, George	35 03								35 03
Hart, Katie			59 67						59 67
Helie, Fred	2 64							205 69 (1940)	2 64
Hood, Elwin	39 58			79 50					119 08
Ingram, Stanley	1 03								1 03
Lancto, C. H.	10 00								10 00
Lieumex, Emma							10 00		10 00
Orr, Marshall				15 00					15 00

Page, Ellery	110 00								110 00
Page, Malcolm	21 06			12 35				18 00	33 41
Pomeroy, Wm.	83 03			10 00					93 03
Randall, Moses		6 00		30 00	3 00				39 00
Rock, Norman				21 00					21 00
Sayers, Fred								5 00	
Tramps (66)							49 50		49 50
Tompson, John							5 00		5 00
Welch, Mrs. Alex				115 00			120 00		235 00
Willey, Forrest	137 81	13 00		12 00	3 50				166 31
Williams, Clarence								222 50 (1940)	
Services as Overseer							195 00		195 00
Town expense					74 40	3 00			77 04
Total	$645 39	$72 00	$227 85	$786 25	$120 00	$4 05	$406 50	$457 19	$2262 04
						Rebates			457 19
						Total cost to Town			$1804 85

Federal Commodities Received

Graham and Wheat Flour, pounds	4807
Cereal and Corn Meal, pounds	2118
Rice and Oatmeal, pounds	448
Dried Fruit—raisins and prunes, pounds	1586
Butter and Lard, pounds	1303
Skim dry Milk, pounds	165
Evaporated Milk, cans	384
Fresh Fruit—grapefruit and oranges, pounds	1452
Beans, pounds	364
Canned Peaches, gallons	42
Eggs, dozens	359
Potatoes, pounds	925
Cabbages, pounds	1450
Meat—bacon and ham, pounds	1558

At the direction of Federal Authorities these have been distributed to 55 families, or approximately 200 persons. The cost of transportation of these commodities to Groton is $64.40.

P. S. TAISEY, Overseer

Report of Auditors

WHERE THE MONEY WENT IN 1940

Selectmen's Department

Fixed Charges		
Old Age Assistance assessment	$ 953 25	
U. S. Route 302 assessment	902 88	
County tax and Farm Bureau assessment	157 09	
Town Bonds paid and retired	1500 00	
Total		$3513 22
Interest		
On Bonds	840 00	
On Interest Bearing Orders	552 36	
		1392 36
Borrowed Money		
Montpelier National Bank	3000 00	
N. W. Whitehill	500 00	
		3500 00
Cemetery Fund Account	92 10	
Care of Cemetery	68 40	
		160 50
Salaries and Mileage		689 08
General Expenses		3172 85
		$12428 01

School Department

Spent		$13655 32
From State	3059 51	
Federal Aid	1207 24	
Tuition	1718 74	
Lease Land	19 03	
Total		6004 52
Net cost to town		$7650 80

Overseer's Department

Total paid out	$ 2262 04
Less Rebate	457 19
Cost to Town	$1804 85

Roads

Selected Highway No. 1	$ 2945 97	
Unselected Highway	2000 31	
Town Highway	1574 27	
Winter Roads by Commissioner	616 92	
Winter Roads by Selectmen	1516 07	
		8653 54
Received from State and other sources for roads		5162 61
Net cost to Town		$ 3490 93

Outstanding School order (1939) paid	$ 5 00
Interest bearing order (1939) paid	1200 00
Selectmen's account	12428 01
Schools	7650 80
Overseer	1804 85
Roads	3490 93
	26579 59
Less receipts from other sources	5180 92
Net cost to Town	$21398 67
Balance on hand	741 08
Total amount of tax collected	$22139 75

Comparative Statement of the Financial Condition of the Town from 1928 to 1941

Year	Grand List	Tax Rate	Town Debt
1928–9	$6456 76	$3 50	$ 8299 21
1929–30	6439 50	3 50	14498 67
1930–1	6286 82	3 75	19993 63
1931–2	6254 93	3 50	21880 97
1932–3	5894 73	4 00	19711 15
1933–4	5835 06	3 00	17889 10
1934–5	5774 86	3 00	20599 58
1935–6	5473 99	3 00	22038 97
1936–7	5518 18	4 00	29865 33
1937–8	5402 31	3 75	26834 83
1938–9	5380 20	3 60	25666 12
1939–40	5244 05	3 75	21601 81
1940–1	5245 88	3 77	18791 28

Abstract of Grand List and Taxes Raised

Total appraised valuation of taxable real estate	$423890 00
Total appraised valuation of personal property	58998 00
Total valuation of real estate and personal property	$482888 00
One per cent of total appraised valuation	$4828 88
417 Polls assessed at $1.00 each	417 00
Total Grand List	$5244 05
Tax assessed at $3.77 on the dollar plus 417 Polls at $2.50 each, total	$20819 82
Tax outstanding February 1, 1940	18710 93
Tax Bill	$39530 75
Plus three 1939 Poll taxes	18 75
Additional taxes added to the Grand List book	96 63
	$39646 13

Total amount collected	$22139 75	
Total discount	184 44	
Total tax outstanding	17321 94	
	———	$39646 13

List of Town Property

Tractor and snow plow	$4000 00
Ford truck	100 00
Two road machines	875 00
Three safes	1000 00
70 rolls snow fence	550 00
One sander	100 00
Culvert thawer	150 00
School property	28900 00
	$35675 00

We have audited the accounts of the several town officers.

PHILIP T. WHITE,
GLENN G. HASKELL,
J. CLARENCE WELCH, } Auditors

BIRTHS

Robert James Brock, born Feb. 4, son of Leonard J. and Mary E. (Main) Brock.

Diane Helen Brown, born Feb. 22, daughter of Newton Dale and Janice (Wills) Brown.

Ramon Edwardo Andreolette, born Mar. 5, son of Lebero and Madelene (Ralston) Andreolette

Dick Marvin Welch, born Apr. 14, son of Dick M. and Flossie D. (Rhodes) Welch.

Alan Sherwood Page, born Apr. 16, son of Roland E. and Florence H. (Page) Lamontagne.

Alice Elizabeth Orr, born Apr. 30, daughter of Marshall C. and Marion M. (Page) Orr.

Norman Frank Whitehill, born May 8, son of Ernest F. and Frances M. (Martin) Whitehill.

Barbara Fern Gilman, born June 7, daughter of Roger F. and Thelma G. (Richardson) Gilman.

Merrill Dean Legare, born June 16, son of Ulric L. and Della (Frost) Legare.

Richard Allen Vance, born June 25, son of George H. and Theresa (Legare) Vance.

Barbara Mae Whitcher, born Aug. 17, daughter of William and Marian V. (Phelps) Whitcher.

Janice Elaine Hatch, born Aug. 22, daughter of John F. and Mary V. (Page) Hatch.

Guy Duane Haskell, born Sept. 9, son of Guy R. and Carolyn A. (Hooper) Haskell.

Wendell Louis Darling, born Oct. 1, son of Harold T. and Florence Nina (Lund) Darling.

Brian Guy Andreoletti, born Oct. 28, son of Carlo and Helen A. (Provost) Andreoletti.

Ann Beth Main, born Nov. 8, daughter of Walter G. and Dorothy A. (Pierce) Main.

Rose Marie Morse, born Dec. 14, daughter of Oramel I. and Phillis G. (Lee) Morse.

Stephen Charles Ladd, born Dec. 20, son of James M. and Muriel P. (Cutler) Ladd.

MARRIAGES

Edwin M. Evans, Groton, Vt. and Wendeline G. Moulton, Groton, Vt. Married at Wells River, Vermont, March 16, 1940, by Rev. W. B. Lounsbury.

Wendell F. Legare, Groton, Vt. and Lucille B. French, Groton, Vt. Married at Bradford, Vt. June 1, 1940, by Rev. Percy Newton.

Stephen E. Moore, Groton, Vt. and Martha R. Pettingill, Danville, Vt. Married at St. Johnsbury, Vt. June 15, 1940, by Rev. T. R. Burns.

Austin R. Dupont, Orleans, Vt. and Isabelle I. Williams, Groton, Vt. Married at Orleans, Vt. August 4, 1940, by Rev. George Butt.

Roland E. Lamontagne, Haverhill, N. H. and Florence H. Page, Groton. Vt. Married at Woodsville, N. H. September 8, 1940, by Rev. John J. Foley.

Charles D. Lord, Groton, Vt., and Linda Mary Miller, Stowe, Vt. Married at St. Johnsbury, Vermont October 11, 1940, by Rev. J. H. Sargent.

James Sidney Tinkham, Groton, Vt. and Minnie L. Welch, Ryegate, Vt. Married at Ryegate, Vt. October 12, 1940, by Rev. E. H. Nickerson.

Rupert H. Ricker, Groton, Vt. and Doris L. Keenan, Topsham, Vt. Married at Groton, Vt. November 16, 1940, by Rev. P. A. Smith.

DEATHS

Rose N. Darling, at St. Johnsbury, Vt. Jan. 22. Age 67 yrs., 10 days.

Carrie A. Page, at Groton, Vt., Feb. 5. Age 69 yrs., 1 mo., 8 days.

Myrtie Legare, at Groton, Vt., Feb. 18. Age 58 yrs., 7 mos., 11 days.

Ada C. Moulton, at Groton, Vt., Mar. 21. Age 72 yrs., 24 days.

Myrtland M. Carter, at Groton, Vt., April 21. Age 67 yrs., 7 days.

Frank M. Morrison, at Barre, Vt., May 7. Age 60 yrs., 13 days.

Howard Evans, at Montpelier, Vt., June 8. Age 15 yrs., 10 mos., 19 days.

Bradley G. Buskey, at Groton, Vt., July 7. Age 1 yr., 3 mos., 26 days.

Arthur D. Hood, at Groton, Vt., July 13. Age 85 yrs., 6 mos., 11 days.

Jennie M. Carpenter,at Groton, Vt., Aug. 1. Age 68 yrs., 3 mos., 27 days.

Oscar Fred Hatch, at Groton, Vt., Oct. 3. Age 57 yrs., 9 mos., 16 days.

Jacob H. Welch, at Groton, Vt., Oct. 4. Age 67 yrs., 9 days.

Mary L. Dennis, at Groton, Vt., Oct. 24. Age 86 yrs., 9 mos., 18 days.

Isaiah B. Frost, at Groton, Vt., Oct. 27. Age 60 yrs., 3 mos., 26 days.

Effie E. Carter, at St. Johnsbury, Vt., Nov. 2. Age 72 yrs., 1 mo., 27 days.

Frank W. Page, at Ryegate, Vt., Dec. 2. Age 84 yrs., 7 mos., 6 days.

Groton Cemetery

PERMANENT FUNDS—Year Ending January 31, 1941

No. Book	Lot	Fund	Care	Balance
	Deposited in Woodsville Guaranty Saving Bank			
17872	John Benzie	$ 110 50	$ 2 70	$ 107 80
	Quarry Savings Bank & Trust Company			
13837	David H. Vance	103 63	2 60	101 03
	Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust Company			
43220	Geo. H. Vance	90 72	1 40	89 32
	Barton Savings Bank & Trust Company			
14923	Geo. Burnham	106 19	1 75	104 44
	Barre Trust Company			
3291	Moses Plummer	85 72	1 40	84 32
	Merchants National Bank			
6663	Linnie Brock	108 09	1 75	106 34
	Passumpsic Savings Bank			
48104	John Crown	102 62	1 90	100 72
47829	Daniel Roberts	51 52	70	50 82
47749	J. Austin Welch	108 19	2 00	106 19
47116	Franklin J. Emery	164 02		164 02
46803	E. J. Clark & Daniel Coffrin	103 24	1 40	101 84
44466	David & Geo. Whitehill	106 15	1 90	104 25
42337	Timothy Emery	108 87	2 70	106 17
43263	Geo. R. Brown	105 05	1 90	103 15
43154	Jesse Heath	52 06	1 00	51 06
39570	M. & B. M. & F. M. Weld	214 06	4 00	210 06
43344	Morris D. Coffrin	110 14	2 00	108 14
40864	S. P. Welch	109 67	1 90	107 77
35369	A. P. Renfrew	311 50	4 65	306 85
	Wells River Savings Bank			
14185	Richard C. Annis	102 34	1 40	100 94
11198	Frank Ricker	107 49	2 35	105 14

11200	William Ricker	122 59	1 75	120 84
12090	John Butson	105 71	1 75	103 96
12683	G. P. Sanderson	77 03	1 40	75 63
13154	Phoebe Bailey	104 95	2 25	102 70
13608	James K. Adams	51 07	1 00	50 07
13823	James A. Gerald	102 63	2 00	100 63
13853	Frank P. Heath	51 26	75	50 51
14059	Robert T. Heath	102 77	2 00	100 77
14452	Clark C. Crown	151 75	85	150 90
14453	Timothy Morrison	151 75	35	151 40
14451	Frank C. Crown	151 75	35	151 40
14394	Geo. H. Vance	101 83		101 83
14524	Peter Welch	150 50		150 50

Citizens Savings Bank & Trust Company

27881	Nathan H. Ricker	371 71		371 71
33523	W. H. Glover	104 05	1 75	102 30
31119	S. E. Page	233 01	6 35	226 66
32646	J. H. Welch	110 56	2 10	108 46
18289	Meroa H. Renfrew	255 28	3 25	252 03
22878	William Dow	144 46	2 75	141 71
18290	F. R. Seaver	153 22	2 45	150 77
27196	H. L. Gilman	370 73	7 30	363 43
27024	William Taisey	108 32	2 95	105 37
29672	W. L. Wiles	117 19	2 80	114 39
23732	Lester Low	117 72	2 45	115 27
37039	Alex & E. Renfrew	106 95	2 10	104 85
		$6080 56	$ 92 10	$5988 46

Mary J. R. Ricker & John Taisey Lots.

By the provisions of the will of the late Mary J. R. Hall the Citizens Saving Bank & Trust Company was made Trustee of a fund of $1000.00 for the care of these lots. Amount expended this year $11.55.

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Report of Public Health Nurse

The following report is given for the period from August 26 through Decembet 31, 1940:

Infant and Preschool Medical Conference

5 children from infancy to school age were given a medical examination.

2 children were given a dental examination.

2 children were immunized against diptheria.

2 children were vaccinated against smallpox.

School Service

57 children were given health inspections by the nurse.

111 children were given vision tests by the nurse.

71 children were given a hearing test with the audiometer.

Physical examinations will be given during 1941.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN M. ARMSTRONG, R. N.
Public Health Nurse.

Gilman Cemetery Memorial

Mr. Nelson H. Bailey, Executor of the will of Mrs. Gilman, presented this memorial to the Town as follows:

"By the will of the late Abbie Richardson Gilman, I was directed to have erected a suitable entrance to the cemetery at Groton, Vermont, in memory of Heman Loomis Gilman and Abbie Richardson Gilman.

For many years the Gilmans were prominent in the business and social life of Groton.

A suitable memorial to them must be simple, dignified, lasting and fitted to its surroundings. Within these limits we have worked, and our thanks are due the officials of your town, the builders and the people of the community for their co-operation.

In memory of the Gilmans, I present this memorial entrance to the Town of Groton, Vermont."

Groton accepts with due appreciation this memorial given by the will of a former resident of the Town.

It is fitting that some of the activities of this family during their residence in Groton should be recorded.

H. L. Gilman came to Groton in September 1888, having purchased the grist mill of A. L. Clark. His keen business judgment built up a large business in this little village and added greatly to its industrial life.

Mr. Gilman was born in Marshfield, Vermont, the son of S. L. and Diantha Powers Gilman. In 1881 he married Abbie, daughter of Isaac Richardson of Bethlehem, N. H. A son, Harold, was born in 1889.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gilman were greatly interested in the civic and social affairs of the town. Their home was ever a welcome place to friends and visitors. They were reliable, influential citizens and took great pleasure in helping to build a better and more progressive social and industrial life in the community.

They selected a beautiful lot in the cemetery, beautified the grounds and erected an imposing monument.

Their son, Harold, while at home on a furlough from his entrance into the army of the World War, was the victim of an automobile accident, and the first buried in the lot. Now father, mother and son sleep side by side in the homeland they loved so well.

Groton people will look upon this memorial entrance through coming years with deep appreciation of former residents, and of a family that was congenial, kindly and helpful.

Vermont's Sesquicentennial

One hundred and fifty years ago March 4, Vermont was admitted into the Union, and nearly every town in the state will at some time during the year hold a celebration of this event.

Unprecedented in the history of our Nation is the record of Vermont's first settlers in their struggles to establish and maintain the independence of the State. Sacrifices unknown to the present generation were made by our fathers to mould into an ideal state of "Freedom and Unity," these green hills of Vermont.

Groton did not take so important part in the formation of statehood as the neighboring towns of Newbury, Ryegate and Peacham. Nevertheless, her citizens possessed the same sterling characteristics. Their courage, sacrifices and unremitting labor went into the work of making the town a home for pioneers.

The town was chartered Oct. 20, 1789 by Governor Chittenden to Thomas Butterfield and 61 others. The first permanent settler was Capt. Edmund Morse, who came to Groton in 1783 or 1784. He settled in the north part of the town. He built the first saw mill and grist mill in town. He was captain of the miltia, proprietors' clerk for non-resident proprietors, and blacksmith. He was, in reality, the father of the town.

The town was organized March 28, 1797 with the following officers: Samuel Bacon, Moderator; Samuel Bacon, Nathaniel Knight and James Abbott, Selectmen; Nathaniel Knight, Clerk; Jonathan James, Treasurer; William Frost, Constable; Dominicus Gray, Town Grand Juror; Israel Bailey and Edmund Morse, Tithing Men; Aaron Hosmer, Jr. and Silas Lund, Highway Surveyors; Robert Darling, Surveyor of Lumber; William Frost, Sealer of Weights and Measures; James Hooper, Fence Viewer.

Sally, daughter of Capt. Edmund Morse, was the first child born in town, Sept. 2. 1787.

Nathaniel Knight was the first school teacher in town, teaching ten winters in succession in the first settlement, most of the time in part of the dwelling of James Abbott.

Jonathan Macomber was the first representative to the State Legislature, in 1803.

Nine residents of Groton were soldiers in the Revolutionary War; twenty-five in the War of 1812; six in the Mexican War, and a large quota in the Civil War and World War.

The Groton boy, Private William Scott, "The Sleeping Sentinel" pardoned by President Lincoln, brought honor to his native town and won the name of being the "most noted private soldier in the Civil War." A monument to his memory stands near the site of his birthplace on U. S. Route 302.

Groton boys of today are doing their part enlisting in the army being organized for the defense of the Republic and awaitiug the outcome of the present World War.

Wells River rises in Lake Groton and flows into the Connecticut River at Wells River. It was the water route traveled by the Indians in their journey across the state and often used by Indian Joe and Molly,

An Indian trail went through the town, traveled by the Indians and soldiers in the early days and an original map drawn by one who passed over the trail is in the historical matter of the town written by the late Hosea Welch.

A powder horn carried by Jesse Heath in the Revolutionary War is in the possession of Leslie Page.

The town plans to hold a celebration later when a full program can be carried out.

It is hoped that many historical facts and relics can be gathered to help make the celebration of great interest.

NOTICE

The inhabitants of the town of Groton who are legal voters in Town Meeting, are hereby notified and warned to meet in Morrison hall in Groton Village on Tuesday, March 4, 1941, A. D., at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to-wit:

1st To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

2nd To elect a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

3rd To take action on the Town Report as printed.

4th To elect all necessary Town Officers.

5th To vote to raise money to retire Bonds due each year and pay current expenses of the town.

6th To see if the Town will vote to declare a recess for the purpose of holding the Annual School Meeting at the close of this meeting.

7th To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of 2% on taxes on Real Estate and Personal Property if paid on or before July 10, and a discount of 1% if paid on or before September 10.

8th To see if the Town will vote a sum of $100.00 for the benefit of McLure's Student Band.

9th To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Auditors of the Town to employ the services of an accountant from the office of the Auditor of Accounts as provided by No. 55 of the Acts of 1937, to conduct an audit of the accounts of the Town.

10th To see if the Town will vote to adopt Daylight Saving Time for the following Summer.

11th To see if the Town will vote to raise an additional tax of 15c on the dollar for the purchase of a new truck.

12th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to receive, care for, and expend bequests made for the purpose of repairing, improving and beautifying the cemeteries within the Town, all bequests and income therefrom to be cared for and expended as the donors may specify and may reasonably intend.

13th To see if the Town will vote the sum of $50.00 towards the support of the Public Health Nurse and Maternal and Child Health Nursing Service, in order that the service already established may be continued, and in such manner as to take advantage of Federal Aid.

14th To see if the Town will adopt the following resolution:
Resolved, that the Citizens of this Town rededicate themselves and their efforts to the idea of Freedom and Unity, that for 150 years, under Divine Providence, has guided the thought and action of the people of this State of Vermont.

15th Shall license for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this Town?

16th Shall spirituous liquors be sold in this Town?

17th To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting.

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On the adjournment of the above meeting the legal voters of Groton Town School District will meet to transact the following business:

1st To elect a moderator.

2nd To elect a School Director for three years.

3rd To vote the necessary sum of money for the support of its Schools.

4th To transact any other business to come before this meeting.

Dated at Groton, this 12th day of February 1941.

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C. J. BAILEY,
W. W. PILLSBURY, } Selectmen

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